GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2247
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2008
EXPENDITURE ON REPUBLIC DAY CEREMONY
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total expenses incurred on organizing the Republic Day and Beating Retreat ceremonies in Delhi every year;

(b) the budget allocation for the ceremonies;

(c) the total revenue earned from sale of tickets for these ceremonies;

(d) whether the Government proposes to curtail these expenses and make a brief ceremony in future;and

(e) if so,the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE(SHRI A.K. ANTONY)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2247 FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2008.

Although the Ministry of Defence is responsible for organizing the Republic Day Parade and the Beating Retreat Ceremony at New Delhi every year, the organisation of these ceremonies requires co-ordinated efforts of various Central Ministries and Departments,the State Governments,the Union Territory Administrations,the Central Public Sector Undertakings, Local Bodies and various other agencies.As expenditure on various items regarding these arrangements is borne by the concerned organizations/agencies from their own budget allocations and is not compiled or exhibited under one Head of Account, it is not possible to indicate the total amount spent on these ceremonies in Delhi every year.

The collection from the Sale of Tickets of the Republic Day Parade and the Beating Retreat Ceremony varies from year to year.The total collection from the sale of tickets for the Republic Day Parade and Beating Retreat Ceremony 2008 was Rs. 17,63,021/-.

There were some suggestions to reduce the duration of the Republic Day Parade.However,the duration of the national functions organized by the Ministry of Defence is determined by taking into account the time requirements for the ceremonial,military and cultural aspects with due consideration to engaging the spectators' interest.